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SUBJECT: TASS ON SOVIET LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PLAN

1. SUMMARY UNUSUALLY DETAILED EXPOSITION OF COMPONENTS IN
USSR 1976-1990 LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN CARRIED BY
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TASS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER 6. AS EXPECTED,
MAJORITY OF PLAN FOCUSSED ON SIBERIAN PROJECTS AND NON-CHERNOZYOM
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH RECONSTRUCTION OF "MOST" CITIES
AND VILLAGES IN COUNTRY ALSO ENVISAGED. END SUMMARY

2. WRITTEN BY TASS "OBSERVER" IVAN ARTYOMOV, ARTICLE LISTS
FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM
(PERSPEKTIVNIY) PLAN THROUH 1990:

- A. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN WESTERN SIBERIA
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF SAYANY TERITORIAL PRODUCTION COMPLEX
IN SOUTHERN KRASNOYRSKIY KRAY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONSTRUCTION
OF WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL HYDROELECTRIC STATION (ALREADY

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UNDERWAY). PLAN CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF "MAJOR" RAILWAY

CAR FACTORY, SEVERAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING ENTERPRISES, NON-FERROUS METALLURGY PLANTS, A "LARGE" ALUMINUM FACTORY, AND FACTORIES IN FIELD OF LIGHT INDUSTRY. ALTHOGETHER 120 MAJOR ENTERPRISES PLANNED FOR REGION.

C. CONSTRUCTION OF BAIKAL-AMUR RAILWAY

D. NON-CHERNOZYOM AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

E. RECONSTRUCTION OF "MOST" OF COUNTRY'S CITIES AND VILLAGES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHICH SPECIALISTS HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED LONG-TERM MASTER PLANS FOR "HUNDREDS" OF CITIES. ALL RURAL AREAS ARE TO BE PROVIDED MODERN KOLKHOZ AND SOVKHOZ SETTLEMENTS. OVERALL GOAL IN THIS CATEGORY IS TO MAKE "A COMFORTABLE FLAT" AVAILABLE TO EACH FAMILY.

3. ACCORDING TO ARTYOMOV, CONSUMER SECTOR WILL RECEIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS DURING NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS. SPECIFICALLY, POPULAION MAY EXPECT "ABUNDANCE" OF HIGH-QUALITY FOOD PRODUCTS AND CONSUMER GOODS WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY "CORRESPONDING" GROWTH IN REAL INCOMES.

4. COMMENT: SOVIETS ARE FREELY EXPRESSING INTENT THAT NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN WILL BE CHARACTERIZED RATHER BY INTENSIVE Tahn EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. LONG-TERM PLAN FROM 1976 THROUGH 1990 WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MIXED BAG, COMBINING WIDE-RANGING SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT (EXTENSIVE) WITH URBAN RENEWAL AND OTHER INTENSIVE PROJECTS. PLAN TO WHICH ARTYOMOV BLANDLY REFERS FOR RECONSTRUCTING "MOST OF COUNTRY'S CITIES AND VILLAGES" IS INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF INTENSIVE ACTIVITY. PUZZLE REMAINS THAT SOVIET FINANCIAL WIZARDS CAN SCARCELY MARSHAL ENOUGH CAPITAL TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF PLANNED INDUSTRIES IF TOWN PLANNERS ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY TO TRANSFORM HASTILY-BUILT, LOW-QUALITY APARTMENT HOUSES WITH TINY FAMILY UNITS (11 SQUARE METERS PER PERSON IN RSFSR, 8 SQUARE METERS PER PERSON IN CENTRAL ASIA) INTO STURDY NEW STRUCTURES, EACH WITH "COMFORTABLE FLATS."

5. DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ALKHIMOV RECENTLY REMARKED THAT SOVIETS HAD COMPLETED HOUSING FOR FORTY MILLION PEOPLE IN PAST FOUR YEARS. ACCORDING TO ALKHIMOV, THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BROKEN BACK OF SOVIET HOUSING CRISIS AND NOW PERMITS USSR TO DIVERT SOME CONSTRUCTION MEANS TO SUCH PROJECTS AS HOTELS AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR ATTRACTING FOREIGN TOURISTS. PAST OBSERVATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SLUGGISH SOVIET CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND PRODIGAL USE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH ANNOUNCED PLANS, INDICATES THAT SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE WILL HAVE TO GIVE.
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